

## LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE.

NEWS OF A DAY  
IN RICHMOND

**Negro Convict Escapes From the Pen and is Recaptured.**

**MAYOR THREATENS VIOLENCE**

**Council of Barton Heights Has Had Streets Barred to Keep Street Railway From Building—The Mayor is With the Council, and the Court Against it—Hon. David B. Hill Coming to Virginia to Speak This Fall—Conditional Pardon Granted.**

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., July 13.—George Miller and Willie Smith, two negro convicts, made their escape from the penitentiary shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, but had only enjoyed their freedom for a short time when they were captured and locked up.

The two men were engaged in cleaning bricks to use in building up at opening in the wall, and the attention of the guards was attracted by the noise. At the moment the negroes made a dash and succeeded in getting away.

They ran to the city and up through the streets in their striped garb, creating wild excitement. The guards pursued and citizens and policemen joined in the chase. After a long run the men were caught, but not before one of them had been shot through the wrist by a citizen.

Miller is a Richmond man and is serving five years for malicious shooting.

Willie Smith was convicted of robbing in Norfolk, and gave a five year term on August 15, 1898.

Both men would have one year added to their terms for their escape this morning.

**AT LOGGERSHEADS.**  
The town of Barton Heights and the Street Railway Company, whose road runs through it, are at daggers drawn. The company desires to change its tracks to another street, and secured an order from the County Court allowing them to do so.

The council of the town, however, declares that the judge had no right to grant such permission. It has barricaded the streets, and the mayor threatens to use violence to prevent the tracks being laid. Meanwhile the council is going ahead calmly with its work.

**THIRD DISTRICT COMMITTEE.**  
The Democratic Committee of the Third Congressional District will meet at the State Library at 12 o'clock tomorrow morning in July, 1897, for a session in connection with the congressional convention, which will meet in this city on the 1st day of August. At the same hour the Executive Committee of the City Democratic Committee will hold a session in the office of the mayor.

**Y. P. C. U. MEETING.**  
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Atlanta, Ga., July 13.—A heated discussion was precipitated in the third of the sessions of the Young People's Christian Union of the Universalist Church to-day by the introduction of a resolution against the liquor traffic. The resolution imposed total abstinence on the members of the Union, and entailed their efforts to secure laws, municipal and national, that would prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. It was defeated by a majority of 26.

**MRS. CHARLOTTE MOORE.**  
WIFE OF REV. J. W. MOORE DIES IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

The painful intelligence has been received here of the death of Charlotte Moore, wife of Rev. J. W. Moore, a former beloved pastor of Queen Street M. E. Church, this city. Mrs. Moore had been in ill health for some time, and although everything possible was done by her husband and her family to restore her health, it was of no avail, as she yielded to the fell destroyer Thursday morning. Mrs. Moore was not only a lady of superior intellectual attainments, but was possessed of a kind and gentle disposition, and was a devoted Christian and beloved by all who knew her. During her residence in Norfolk she drew around her a host of friends and admirers whose hearts are saddened at the news of her untimely death. She was a typical Methodist preacher's wife, and no one will feel her loss more keenly than her devoted husband, who has the profound sympathy of his friends here and elsewhere. But a short time ago Mr. Moore was joyfully celebrating his golden wedding anniversary with his youngest child, Mr. Moore was a member of the Louisville Conference in 1888, and is pastor of one of the leading Methodist Churches in Louisville, Ky., where his labors have been eminently successful. He bows with humble submission to the stroke of Divine Providence which has bereft him of the devoted partner of his bosom and a lovely and interesting child, assured that his loss is their eternal gain.

**Y. M. C. A. ENCAMPMENT.**  
The first services under the auspices of the State Y. M. C. A. were held at Virginia Beach on Sunday, beginning with an early morning devotional service, conducted either by State Secretary Coulter or Rev. E. T. Daddum. There will also be service at 11 o'clock a. m. and in the afternoon, conducted by Mr. Daddum. Quite a number of association people arrived yesterday at the beach, and others are expected to-day. The interesting religious features of the encampment will be held next week, when the address of the Y. M. C. A. will be discussed by Rev. E. T. Daddum and Rev. A. D. McClure, of Wilmington, N. C.

A conference of the secretaries of the Virginia associations will be held Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

**A Fatal Coincidence.**  
Mr. J. Roy Saunders left for Danville Thursday night, called there by the death of his sister, who was killed at Danville Wednesday in a runaway accident. Mr. Saunders lost a brother, George, in Baltimore, in a similar manner two years ago.

**CONFIRMATORY DISPATCH.**  
London, July 13.—A telegram received

at the office of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs in London from the Governor of Shan Tung is identical with U. S. Consul Goodnow's report of the bombardment of the legation July 7. The officials here regard the dispatch as leaving little room to hope the legations have survived.

**FRANCE DEMANDS DIRECT NEWS.**  
Paris, July 13.—The Chinese Minister here has communicated to M. Delcasse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, an imperial edict, dated June 29. To this M. Delcasse has replied that since the Chinese Government had the means to communicate with its own satellites abroad it ought to guarantee communications between the foreign powers and their representatives at Peking, and he has therefore charged the Chinese Minister to transmit a telegram to Mr. Pinchon, the French Minister to China.

**Date Suits Mr. Bryan.**  
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—The date, August 8, on which he is to receive official notification of his nomination by the Democrats is satisfactory to Mr. Bryan. It is doubtful if he will leave Lincoln much before that time, though he does not himself know just what his itinerary will be. He does not, however, expect to make any speeches in advance of his nomination. Mr. Bryan is spending much of the time in his library with his stenographer, Mr. Towne, with whom he has been working on the time, which leads to the belief that the Minnesota will be one of the most active lieutenants in the campaign. Mr. Bryan's visit to-day were limited to State politicians.

**Neely-Rathbone.**  
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Havana, July 13.—The Fiscal says that former Director General of Posts E. G. Rathbone will not be arrested until the papers in the Neely case have been received from Washington, and that the only absolute criminal in connection with the Neely case is Rathbone. He also says that civil suit for more than \$25,000 will be instituted against Rathbone's bondsman, but as Rathbone is already held as a witness, he thinks it better to await the developments. The Neely case would raise the claim of Deputy Auditor Reeves that Rathbone received \$15,000 can be substantiated.

**Bryan Was Overlooked.**  
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Chicago, July 13.—The Post to-day says:

The fact that W. J. Bryan had not been invited to attend the Great American Exposition to be held here next month was brought to the attention of Mayor Harrison to-day, and the Mayor at once addressed a letter to the Encampment Committee pointing out the omission.

Unless at the meeting of the G. A. R., which President McKinley is certain to attend, the same attention is paid to the Presidential candidates of both parties, Mayor Harrison said. The encampment would raise some matters in connection with the congressional convention, which will meet in this city on the 1st day of August. At the same hour the Executive Committee of the City Democratic Committee will hold a session in the office of the mayor.

**CAPITAL NOTES.**  
Governor Tyler to-day granted conditional pardons to John E. Crismond, convicted in the Hustings Court of Portsmouth in July, 1897, of malicious burning, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, and Samuel Cotton, convicted in Norfolk city, in March, 1897, of criminal assault and sentenced to seven years.

Attorney General Montague is busy in the preparation of the papers in some bank cases, which are to be tried before Judge Vaddill, in the United States Court at Norfolk next week. Gov. Montague expects to join his family at Radford next week. He has not visited his farm during the year and is very anxious to do so.

The Board of Public Works held a brief session this morning and practically completed the work of assessing the railroad property of the State.

**PEABODY SCHOLARSHIPS.**  
The Department of Public Instruction is now sending out the Peabody examinations and the examinations for the State certificates and life diplomas. There are 18 scholarships allotted to Virginia in the Peabody Normal College at Nashville, Tenn., 9 of which fell vacant this year.

These scholarships are good for two years and are worth free tuition in the college, \$100 in money and traveling expenses to and from the college. There are a great many applicants for the scholarships.

The examinations for State certificates and life diplomas will be held as follows:

For white teachers—Roanoke, Lexington and Fairmont (near Richmond), July 18, 19 and 20.

For colored teachers—Hampton, on the same dates.

**HILL COMING TO VIRGINIA.**  
D. B. Hill, in a letter received here to-day by the campaign committee of the Old Dominion Club, says he will visit Virginia in September or October, but that he must have the balance of July and August for his vacation.

London, July 13.—The Spanish steamer Gran Antilla, Captain Bayona, from New York and Newport News, which, as before reported, grounded at Avila, Spain, on the 8th instant, and which later broke amidships, has discharged 120 tons of her cargo of coal. The crew of the Gran Antilla has been landed.

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PEKIN MYSTERY  
STILL UNSOLVED

**Li Hung Chang Will Remain at Canton for the Present.**

## CHINESE DRIVING IN ALLIES

**They Have Mounted Twelve Fresh Guns and Their Fire Sweeps the Streets of Tien Tsin's Foreign Quarter—Cossacks Fighting Well—They Capture Six Krupp Guns—Marshall Nodzu Will Probably Command the Japanese Expedition—Li Hung Chang is Sending Troops to Peking.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
London, July 14.—The scanty cable dispatches received to-day add nothing to the knowledge in London of the Chinese situation.

It is stated positively from Canton that Li Hung Chang will remain there until the allied troops have defeated Prince Tuan's forces, and will then go north to lend his powerful aid in arranging terms of peace, co-operating with Prince Ching, Yung Lu and the other pro-foreign Vicereroys. For the present Li Hung Chang considers that he can best control and direct the Vicereroys from Canton and also keep in check the turbulent province of Kwang Tung.

All the foreigners and missionaries have evacuated Wen Chau and have arrived at Ning Po. Large bodies of boxers appeared at Wen Chau, and threatened to exterminate the foreigners and Christians. They also distributed banners, badges and inflammatory anti-foreign appeals.

## DRIVING IN THE ALLIES.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Express, telegraphing under date of July 13, asserts that the Chinese are daily driving in the allies. They have mounted, says the correspondent, twelve fresh guns in advantageous positions, with which they are sweeping the streets of the foreign settlement, the necessary rendering position after position quite untenable.

The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent says that in the last six hours' battle outside of Tien Tsin, the cossacks captured six Krupp guns and killed numbers of the fleeing boxers. The Chinese lost 3,000 killed, including General Kek.

## LI SENDS SOLDIERS.

Berlin, July 13.—According to a semi-official telegram from Canton, dated Thursday, July 12, Li Hung Chang July 6 received a written imperial edict, dated June 17, and sent overland, in which all the governors were urged to dispatch troops with the utmost speed to help against the rebels, among whom Prince Tuan was clearly indicated. Acting on this edict, which is said to be undoubtedly genuine, Li Hung Chang is sending some thousands of troops to Peking and the other governors are probably doing the same.

## MARSHAL NODZU TO COMMAND.

Washington, July 13.—Japanese officials here expect that Marshal Nodzu will accompany the Japanese expedition about to sail for China. The rank of marshal will probably be superior to that of any other foreign commander, military or naval, in China. Marshal Nodzu is beyond middle life, a stern disciplinarian, and has the reputation of being an impetuous fighter. He is a strong believer in cavalry.

## BATTLE NEAR RIETFOUNTAIN.

**DETAILS RECEIVED REGARDING THE DISASTER TO THE LINCOLNSHIRE.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Feteria, July 21.—Colonel Mahon, reinforced by General French's brigade yesterday took all the positions held by the Boers in the neighborhood of Rietfontein. A number of Boer dead were found. The British casualties were trifling.

Details are now at hand regarding the disaster to the Lincolnshire regiment on Wednesday. It appears that five companies were ordered Tuesday to proceed and hold the pass through Magiesburg. They arrived at the pass in the afternoon, where the company with two guns took up a position and camped for the night, leaving two companies on a plain south of the pass. The eastern hill was rugged, rocky and inaccessible, but further from the main ridge, the Boers were in the main ridge. At daybreak yesterday the Boers appeared on the eastern ridge and opened a heavy fire.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Boers appeared to the left of the position occupied by the British. An officer and fifteen men attempted to charge them. Fourteen men were killed or wounded as the result of the charge. Three companies were practically surrounded, but they kept up a steady fire unceasingly until towards midnight, when their ammunition had been expended. The latest arrival from the scene reports that the remnants of his escape the men were taking a good position under cover, and with fixed bayonets were awaiting the approach of the Boers. It is understood upon good authority that the Boers have employed armed natives.

## Reciprocity With Germany.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 13.—The newly signed reciprocity arrangement between the United States and Germany will be proclaimed to-morrow. The articles upon which the arrangement is based, namely, still wines, arkols, paintings and statuary. The amount of the reduction in each case is fixed in the Dingley act.

In return the United States secures the most favored nation treatment or in other words, the minimum tariff rates on articles exported to Germany. The arrangement does not specify any

## articles of American manufacture upon which the duties are to be reduced; such reductions are supposed to be covered by the statement that the minimum rates are to apply to them.

## REPUBLICAN LEADERS CONFERENCE.

**HANNA ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—CHAIRMAN DICK RESIGNS.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Cleveland, July 13.—An important political conference, attended by a number of prominent Republican leaders, was held at Senator Hanna's office here to-day. The meeting was called by Mr. Hanna to discuss and decide upon the personnel of the new executive committee, and to name a secretary of the National Committee to succeed General Charles F. Dick.

At noon Senator Hanna announced that the following named had been chosen as members of the National Executive Committee: Graeme Stewart, Illinois; Henry C. Payne, Wisconsin; Richard C. Kerens, Missouri; J. H. Maury, Maine; N. Scott, New York; Frederick S. Gibbs, New York; Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Myron T. Herrick, Ohio; Harry S. New, Indiana.

Chairman—M. A. Hanna. Secretary—Perry S. Heath.

General Charles F. Dick's resignation as secretary of the Republican National Committee was received and accepted.

A resolution commendatory of Mr. Dick's services was adopted.

Mr. Hanna stated that the personnel of an advisory committee was under consideration, but that it would not be announced for ten days or two weeks. It was also said that all of the members of the old National Committee of 1896 requested President McKinley to resign to the resignation of Mr. Heath as First Assistant Postmaster General in order that he might become the secretary of the National Committee. The President, it was added, strongly demurred to this proposition until yesterday, when he finally gave his consent. Mr. Heath will tender his resignation to the President in about a week or ten days.

## POWERS CASE BEGINS.

**CAMPBELL SAYS CALIB POWERS WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR KENTUCKY TROUBLES.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Georgetown, Ky., July 13.—The jury was completed in the Powers case to-day and the first evidence was heard. Before the hearing of evidence began, Campbell stated that the case for the prosecution, which he reviewed the political events of last fall, and especially the events following the election and the instituting of contests by the Democratic candidates for State office. He said that Caleb Powers was the most aggressive among those who sought to settle the contest by violence, and that to him largely was due the importation to Frankfort of the band of mountaineers, 125 of whom were retained in Frankfort regularly. He charged that a majority of them had killed from one to seven men each. He claimed it will be put in evidence that on January 28 Mr. Powers made use of the statement that "God had not as many days to live as I have fingers on my hand." He reviewed the facts in connection with the assassination and claimed that the State House yard had been cleared in furtherance of the conspiracy, cited the closing out of troops and other matters which have already come out in the examining trials as further proof of the conspiracy. D. Meade Woodcock, ex-City Engineer of Frankfort, who made the measurements by which the prosecution through mathematical demonstrations attempts to prove that the shot was fired from Powers' office, was the first witness placed on the stand.

During Surveyor Woodcock's testimony he produced the chip cut from the hackberry tree in the State House yard. The chip contains the steel bullet which is supposed to have passed through the body of Mr. Goebel.

## The St. Louis Strike.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

St. Louis, Mo., July 13.—General Manager George W. Baumhoff, of the St. Louis Transit Company, gave out a signed statement to-day in reply to the published charges made by the strikers in which the latter charged that Baumhoff had violated the agreement entered into on July 2. General Manager Baumhoff denies that he violated in the slightest degree the agreement between the strikers' committee and the Transit Company.

President W. D. Mahon, of the Street Railway Men's Union, arrived here to-day from Denver. He will take charge of the strike. "God had not as many days to live as I have fingers on my hand." He reviewed the facts in connection with the assassination and claimed that the State House yard had been cleared in furtherance of the conspiracy, cited the closing out of troops and other matters which have already come out in the examining trials as further proof of the conspiracy. D. Meade Woodcock, ex-City Engineer of Frankfort, who made the measurements by which the prosecution through mathematical demonstrations attempts to prove that the shot was fired from Powers' office, was the first witness placed on the stand.

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## The National Educators.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Charleston, S. C., July 13.—The National Educational Association closed its session here to-night. During the day two sessions of the general convention were held, at which several interesting papers were read. Before the department of business education Dr. H. M. Kewer, of Baltimore, read a paper on the advantages and difficulties experienced in introducing commercial branches into the higher grades of the public schools.

## Japan's New Minister.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 13.—The State Department was advised to-day by the Japanese legation of the appointment of Kogoro Takahira as Japanese minister to Washington. He is due in Washington about the middle of next month, when he will present his credentials to the President. Mr. Kakahira is one of the most prominent members of the Japanese foreign service, and until this appointment has been vice-minister of foreign affairs.

THE GOLD FIELDS  
OF CAPE NOME

**Advices Indicate There Will Be Great Suffering This Winter.**

## DAY WAGES HAVE FALLEN

**The Beach Sands Are Nearly Worked Out—About 20,000 Men There With Work for Only About 2,300—The Number of Men Unemployed Swelled by Heavy Lists of Arrivals Daily—Meals and Beds Are Expensive—But Little Gold Dust in Circulation in the Camp.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 13.—The Secretary of the Treasury has received a letter from G. Rudolph, living at 826 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the situation at Cape Nome, Alaska. The department sees no reason to doubt the trustworthiness of the story told by Mr. Rudolph, and suggests its publication. It is becoming daily more apparent to the officials that the conditions in the new gold fields are almost certain to result in great suffering during the coming winter, especially as an epidemic of smallpox and typhoid fever are threatened. The letter is as follows:

"On account of the terrible reports in the newspapers concerning the conditions at Cape Nome, I take the liberty of sending you a few lines. I left Nome on June 29, and being an old miner, I am fully capable of sizing up a new mining camp in a few days. I arrived at Nome on June 12, and my partner tried working the beach for gold in several places, and I personally saw others by the hundreds do the same, but not in one instance did we see a man take out enough gold to pay for his grub. The only place where any gold was being taken out was between the beach and

and pie, or three crullers, 25 cents; a bed from \$2 to \$3, or when you furnish your own blankets from \$1 to \$1.50. The water wells I saw were from 12 to 15 feet deep and were sure to be contaminated by all of these people who died together. When I left there were tents 20 deep and about three miles long. Now you don't want to forget that it took more than fifty vessels to bring all of these people to Nome, to say nothing of over 5,000 coming from the Yukon country. There are no inducements for the steamship companies to send their vessels back again for a busted mob. You may think that I am a cold-foot miner, but ask any miner who was in that country whether he saw any gold dust in circulation. That is the way to tell a good camp. In eight days I saw only one man pay for a purchase with gold. When asked about it he said it was from the Klondike."

A MESSAGE  
TO CONGER

**Chinese Minister at Washington Will Try to Get a Reply.**

## THE MESSAGE IS IN CIPHER

**He Will Act Through an Influential Imperial Officer at Shanghai—Officials Urged to Spare no Expense If Conger is Alive We Should Soon Hear From Him—A Dispatch From Consul Goodnow Makes Washington Officials Almost Give Up All Hope.**

## TRAIN ROBBERS CAPTURED.

## CONFESSION OF ONE OF THE MEN WHO HELPED ROB THE I. C. TRAIN.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Chicago, July 13.—Three of the robbers who held up Illinois Central train No. 4 at Mayfield Creek, Ky., about ten miles south of Cairo, 1:30 a. m., on the 11th instant, have been arrested and imprisoned by special agents in the employ of the company. We also expect to get the other two robbers in a short time.

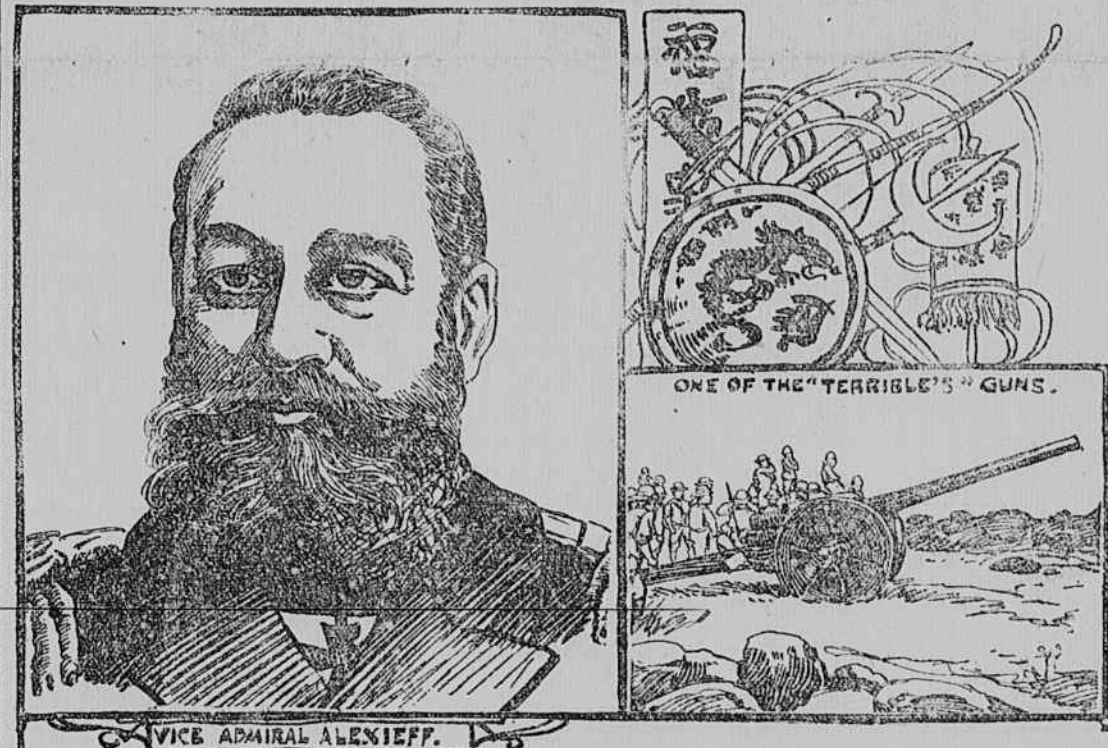
Vice-President J. T. Harahan, of the Illinois Central made the foregoing statement to-night. He said: "The first one arrested was Michael Connelly, alias Doyle, who claims to be a resident of Portland, Ore. He was caught at Charleston, Mo., a small town on the Iron Mountain Railway about 15 miles from Cairo on the afternoon of the 11th instant, and is now in jail at Cairo.

"The second man, Mike Conlan, was arrested at or near Wyckoff, Ky., and is now in jail there.

"Another suspect has been arrested and held in custody at Cairo, and information has just been received from St. Louis that he is one of the persons implicated in the train robbery, and has made a full confession.

St. Louis, July 13.—Charles W. Barnes, of this city, suspected of being one of the robbers who looted an express car on the Illinois Central Railway, was arrested at his home to-day.

John Nelson, Barnes' alleged partner, escaped, leaving a trail of blood. Forty shots were exchanged between



the tundra. There they were only making day's wages of from \$7 to \$10 a day.

## JUST MAKING DAY WAGES.

This place is about only three-quarters of a mile long, and it is all beach. It is now nearly all worked out, I, with thousands of others, had been led to believe that after a winter or after any storm the beach would be just as good as it was originally. That is not so. When once worked out, the beach there is done for. While at Nome I talked with men who had come from points as far as 50 miles below the camp. They told me they had found nothing, and many were going further north. I talked, too, with men who had come from points far up the beach, but they declared there was nothing up there, and they were going down the beach. So it seems that the whole stretch is nearly all worked out.

## THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED.

"No one estimates that more than 300 hands are at work on Anvil Creek with as many more on Snow, Glacier and Dexter Creeks—a total of perhaps 1,500 men. When I left 20,000 men were in the district, and the only work was in unloading boats or putting up new buildings. The former kept about 500 men busy and the building employed about 300. When I left on June 29, between 500 and 1,000 were arriving daily. I went up on the San Blas, which made a trip on to St. Michaels and brought down 300 men. The Aberdeen, on which I came back, made two further north. Several other boats made one or more trips to St. Michaels and brought more. "There are far more destitute people at Nome than the people on the outside know of. I know that the San Blas had stowaway bunks numbered up to 300 and over 100 were in the cabin, while there were also about 20 stowaways, and no doubt every boat had a great many stowaways. I spoke to dozens of men and they told me that they had no food, but expected to go to work when they reached Nome.

## MEALS COME HIGH.

A meal costs from \$1 to \$1.50, coffee

and the fugitive and the officers, who pursued him to Vandeventer station, where he disappeared.

Special Agent George Murray, of the Illinois Central Railway detected the rear was hot by Nelson, but will recover. Barnes was taken without bloodshed.

Late this afternoon Barnes confessed to Chief of Detectives Desmond and Chief of Police Campbell that he, together with Nelson and a man named Dyer, alias Conley, committed the robbery. Barnes stated that Dyer came from San Francisco four months ago, and that the plot was all arranged in this city.

## B. Y. P. U. at Cincinnati.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Cincinnati, July 13.—Musie Hall, with a seating capacity of 5,000, was packed to-day at the second session of the tenth international assembly of the Baptist Young People's Union. Dr. H. M. Wharton of Philadelphia, spoke on "The Secret Power."

The following officers were elected: President, John H. Chapman, Illinois; vice-presidents, L. J. P. Bishop, New York; W. R. L. Salle, Virginia; Harry L. Stark, Ontario; recording secretary, H. W. Reed, Wisconsin; treasurer, Frank Moody, Wisconsin.

## New York Committee Chosen

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, July 13.—Frank Campbell, chairman of the Democratic State committee, to-night announced the appointment of the following executive committee: James K. McGuire, of Syracuse, chairman; David B. Hill, Richard Croker, Edward Murphy, Hugh McClaughry, Elliott Danforth, Conrad Diesel, Mayor of Buffalo; John Whelan, Arthur A. McLean, of Newburg; Perry Belmont, Jacob Gerling, of Rochester; Frank B. Cramer, of Brooklyn; John B. Shae, of Brooklyn; William F. Grell, John G. Kennedy, of Buffalo; Charles N. Bulger, of Oswego, and Thomas K. Dowd, of Salamanca.

cial cipher of the State Department. The contents were not made known to Mr. Wu, but in its intelligible cipher form it was entrusted to him to be placed in the hands of Minister Conger at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Wu determined to act through the medium of an influential imperial officer at Shanghai, who by reason of his position, is better able than any one else in China to execute such a mission.

Besides forwarding the message to Minister Conger Mr. Wu sent to the Chinese official a detailed and urgent explanatory message in which was set forth the imperative importance of performing this service for the American government. The official was urged to spare no effort or any other expense in forwarding the message by carriers, runners, or any other means into the hands of Minister Conger, and to use like means of getting the answer to the American government.

Two days have elapsed since the message to Mr. Conger went forward, and it is confidently believed that it is now on its way from Shanghai to Peking.

**FROM CONSUL GOODNOW.**

Washington, July 13.—The Department of State has received a dispatch from Consul-General Goodnow, at Shanghai, saying that the Governor of Shan Tung wires that the Boxers and soldiers were bombarding the legations for a final attack upon the seventh of July. He is extremely anxious for the safety of the Ministers and friendly Chinese in Peking. The Consul adds that fears for the worst are generally entertained.

The State Department has also received a dispatch from Consul Wade, at Canton, saying that the Viceroy, Li Hung Chang, has engaged quarters upon the Chinese steamer Anping, but that the date of his departure for the North is as yet undecided.

Consul-General Goodnow's message terribly depressed the officials here. The State Department, which has all along been hopeful of the ultimate rescue of the Ministers at Peking, has now joined European chances in the belief that they have all been killed.

**CONFIRMATORY DISPATCH.**

London, July 13.—A telegram received

at the office of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs in London from the Governor of Shan Tung is identical with U. S. Consul Goodnow's report of the bombard